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Aunt Betty, the Storyteller

You are cordially invited to the Bauge Family Log House

Sunday, October 10, 2-4:00 p.m.

Located at McFarland Park

Suggested Donation: \$5 per family

Special features will include:

Aunt Betty, The Storyteller
Rug Braiding Demonstrations
Turn Of The Century Food

See map on back page for directions to the park.

Visit Another Time And Place

by Sharon Wirth

Plan to attend a festive Sunday afternoon at the Bauge Family Log House featuring "Aunt Betty, the Storyteller." Betty Husted of West Des Moines captivates listeners of all ages with her imagination, humor, and enthusiasm. On October 10th, Betty will bring her talents to the log house at McFarland Park to entertain and teach visitors. "Storytelling is a bridge between generations, cultures, and times," she explains.

Betty will weave together Bauge family remembrances, turn of the century information and impressions from visiting the Bauge house, add embellishments and, poof, like magic, an original,

entertaining story is created. A member of the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling and the Northlands Storytelling Network, she has been fascinating audiences for several years. Prior to that she owned and operated a marketing and communications company for 25 years.

The afternoon event will also include a rug braiding demonstration. The Bauge family used braided rugs in the house. Rachel Bauge, a third generation Bauge family member, crafted rugs for many of the family members reusing wool fabric from coats and other garments. Today, family members in Minne-

sota continue the tradition of making braided rugs.

The rug braiding will be demonstrated by Linda Motzko Svec from Cummings, Iowa. Linda has been making rugs for about twenty years after teaching herself the craft. She will explain the process while demonstrating how to (1) prepare the fabric strips used in the process, (2) make the braids and (3) assemble the braids into a rug. Linda's interest was initially stimulated by the availability of her husband's uniforms following his discharge from the Navy. Her first rugs reused the uniform fabric, in the same tradition of reuse common in the Bauge family and others

around the 1900 time period.

Another feature at the afternoon event will be turn of the century food. Refreshments will include molasses cookies with an opportunity to taste other period foods. Lars Bauge operated a sorghum mill, processing sorghum into syrup. The syrup was used by the family most commonly in molasses cookies or as syrup for pancakes. Kringla and kumla were other "regulars" for the Norwegian-American family. Kumla (similar to a potato dumpling) was a main stay in their diet. Family members report that kringla, a soft, sweet, bread-like treat was baked every week. Turn of the century recipes will be displayed and visitors will learn about cooking during the 1890-1910 time period.

The Bauge Family House is a log structure undergoing restoration to the 1890-1910 time period. Located at McFarland Park and owned by the Story County Conservation Board, the Ames Heritage Association is directing the restoration process. In 1988 the house was moved from its original location near Huxley to avoid demolition. Those approaching the structure expecting to see logs will be surprised as the logs are visible only on the interior. The exterior was covered with lapped siding approximately 20 years after the 1866 construction date and will remain on the house. Not only is the siding historically accurate, it protects the logs from the harsh Iowa weather.

Although restoration is not complete, the house provides valuable learning experiences by illustrating a typical Norwegian-American pioneer household as depicted by the Bauge family. Approximately \$18,000 has been spent on the restoration to date. This summer a generous donation from the Ames Friday Noon Kiwanis Club allowed completion of the lean-to soffit and the back door installation. It is estimated that an additional \$10,000 will be needed to complete the restoration. All donations received at the event will be used for continued restoration of the house.

Special Event Held At Hoggatt School

by Kathy Svec

Early education was honored during a Commemorative Day for One Room School Teachers on May 8 at Meeker School. Approximately 150 people attended the event where the "Songbirds," a senior citizens group, provided musical entertainment. Sponsored by the Ames Heritage Association, the Town and Country Kiwanis and the Retired Teachers Association, the morning of activities included breakfast, a program of speakers, awards of recognition and tours of Hoggatt School.

Nearly 50 former one-room teachers were present to share their own experiences and to hear a program which included historical information by Alice Lillie, and personal reminiscences by Reverend Don Gruber and Polly Gossard, all of Ames. Displays of early Ames schools were presented to enhance tours of Hoggatt School, Ames' first school now preserved on

Meeker School grounds. The program was video taped for anyone interested in viewing at a later date.

Also present were I.S.U. English faculty members Helen Ewald and Rebecca Burnett, who are writing a book on creative teaching approaches, deriving information from one-room school teachers and how they managed multiple ages, grades and abilities, subjects and interests. Their office phone numbers are 294-3055 and 294-5654 respectively, for anyone interested in sharing their experiences.



Lois Vohs displays a Karo Syrup pail used to carry lunch in the one room school days.

Flood Donation Made

The Board's Executive Committee voted to donate \$200 to the flood relief fund set up through Story County Cares, Inc. All money collected by this group stays in Story County to aid those affected by this summer's floods. Because

so much aid was needed following the floods (we hope they are over for 1993) the Executive Committee felt it was appropriate to make the donation in lieu of the Spring/Summer newsletter.

New Board Members

Welcome to new Board members Lois Vohs and Nancy Osborn, who join ongoing and returning Board members Kathy Svec, Sharon Wirth, Jack Adams, Dean Stebbins, Bev Kudla, Elaine Bath, Coleen Nutty, Don Faas, Bill LaGrange and Clair Keller. Special thanks to Board members completing terms of service: Cele Burnett, Lee Himan and Rod Wilcox.

Officers for 93-94 are Kathy Svec, President; Don Faas, Vice-President; Nancy Osborn, Secretary; Bill LaGrange, Treasurer.

Farwell Brown Publishes Book

by Sharon Wirth

Recently published *Ames—The Early Years in Word and Picture, From Marsh to Modern City* is a must for anyone interested in Ames' history. While not a chronological or academic history of Ames, this book contains a great deal of information about our city's past all in one place. Anyone who has researched topics concerning Ames history realizes the value of this, not to mention the timesaving factor. Farwell Brown, Ames' official historiographer, is the author of this important book published by Heuss Printing Inc. of Ames.

Packed full of dates, facts and photos, the book contains 55 stories and seven appendices, including "An Ames Time Table." Many of Ames' well-known early citizens including Wallace Greeley, Cynthia Duff, Parley Sheldon, and the Tilden's are found here, as well as some lesser-known but equally interesting folks such as flyer J. Herman Banning, station master Julia Loughlan, woman pilot Neta Snook, doctor Earl Bush, and teacher Henry May. You can find out about early-day recreation by reading about places such as Lake Comar and Dayton Park. And

don't forget to check on events such as the day the bars were run out of town, the 1919 plane crash, Ames' Civil War, when Iowa State almost lost its women, or the windmill incident.

Farwell Brown has long been known as the man who can answer questions about Ames' past. Following his retirement from the Department of Transportation in 1976 he began spending more and more time researching Ames' history as well as sharing stories and giving slide shows throughout the community. Some of these stories are included in this book but many were researched and written specifically for the book. The combination of the Farwell T. Brown Photograph Archive (housed at the Ames Public Library) and the stories in the recently published book are a priceless resource for present and future generations.

In the book's forward Janet Klaas writes, "the recollections of Farwell Tilden Brown found in this volume relate to the early days of this central Iowa railroad town and help its present citizens understand how the town's

history connects with the county's history and with the way things are today." From its 1864 start with information about naming the town, many details about the community's past are chronicled. Brown, in the book's preface says, "the subject matter was selected to present the human elements involved in interesting happenings in the common life of our town." This selection helps to relay in print many of the same endearing qualities Brown exhibits with his storytelling in person. The end result is fascinating reading destined to enlighten anyone's knowledge about the Ames community and to connect events in Ames with the rest of the nation. Don't miss your chance to purchase and read this important volume. The book is available in soft or hard cover at the following locations: WaldenBooks, North Grand Mall; University Bookstore, Memorial Union; Travel Genie, Lincoln Plaza; Big Table Books, Main Street; and Ames Stationers, Main Street.

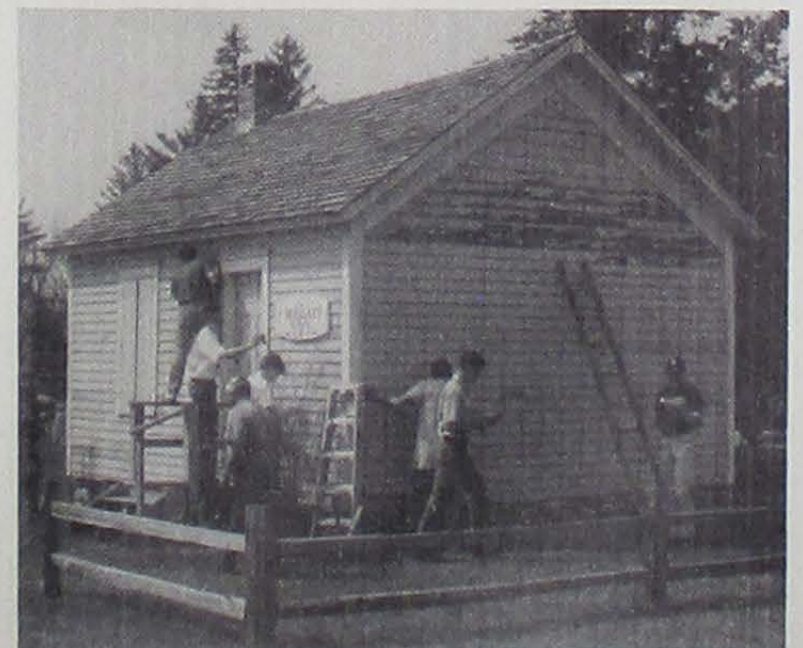
Facelift For Hoggatt School

Over a several-week time period in April and May, Ames High School seniors in the Trade and Industrial Vocational Program contributed time scraping, repairing, priming and painting the exterior of the 1861 Hoggatt School. Their instructor, Don Faas, coordinated forty-minute work periods each day during a mid-morning class. "It's been a challenge to train twenty new painters with such a short work day," Faas said.

The payoff came, however, when a final coat of paint was placed on the building, returning its restored condition. The building, Ames' first one-room school, was moved and

restored to its original appearance by the Ames Heritage Association in 1980.

Ames High School students who participated included Brian McFarland, Dan George, Rattan Ticku, Brett Johannes, Rich Lyon, Josh Speck, Dave Fincham, Dan DeClute, Steve Elliott, Jamie White, Scott Olberding, Mike Clark, Dave Cram, Christine Ray, Yung Do, Mike Deaton, and Chris Ekroad. The Ames Heritage Association expresses its sincere appreciation for their help and for the dedication of their instructor and AHA Board member, Don Faas.



Ames High School seniors from the Trade and Industrial Vocational Program prepare Hoggatt School for painting

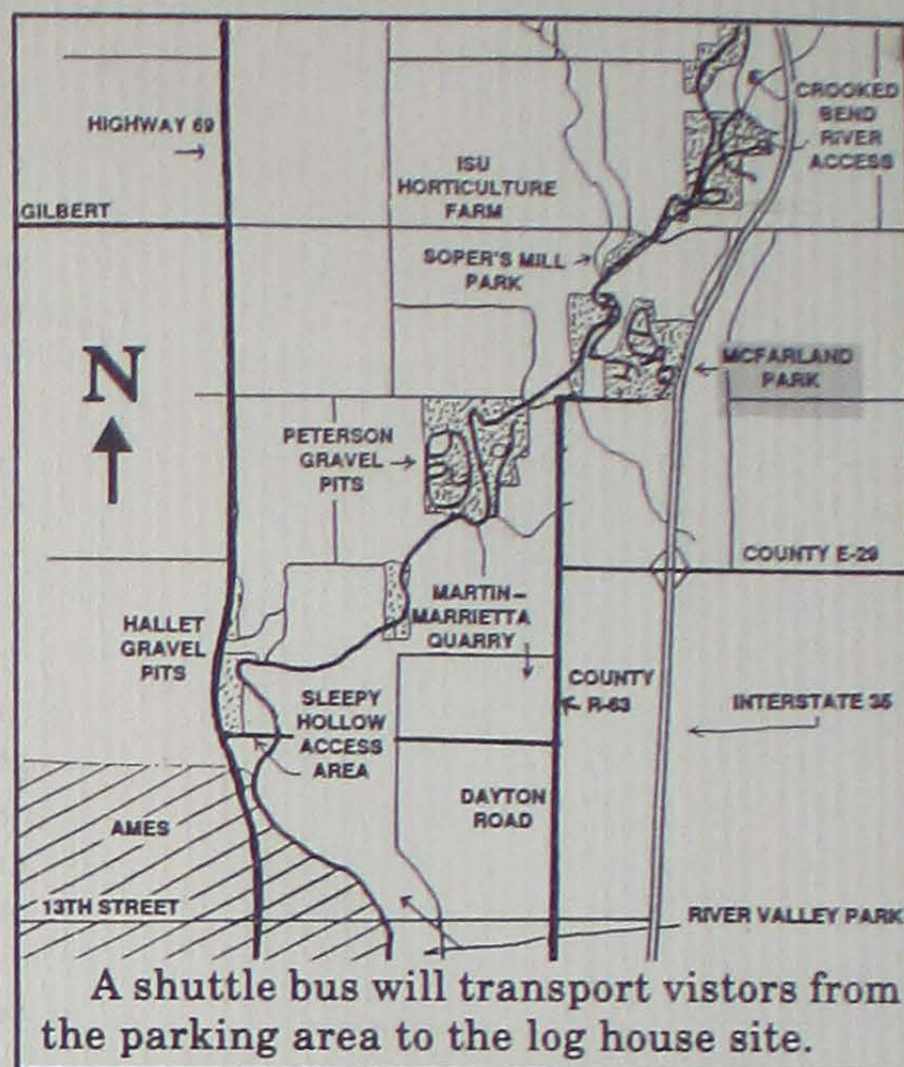
Recent Donations

The Ames Heritage Association recently received donations from the following:

- David Ballard: a Victorian loveseat.
- Nephew of Margaret Sharp: a child's dress.
- Muriel Bivens: early 20th century school materials.
- Friday Noon Kiwanis: a \$1,000 cash donation for continued restoration of the Bauge Log House.
- Neta Snook Questers: a bed and tick for use in the Bauge Log House.
- David and Joan Richter in memory of Alice Bauge Richter: a sugar bucket, a long-time family possession; a ceramic sugar bowl belonging to Alice's Aunt Marie Bauge; and a hand-carved wooden ring made by Alice's father, Nels. These items will assist in furnishing the Bauge Log House.

The Ames Heritage Association gratefully acknowledges these donations. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of those involved. Anyone with items relating to Ames' history interested in making a donation should contact Kathy Svec at 232-4877 or Lois Vohs at 232-4294.

Directions to Bauge Log House



Is There a Museum in Ames' Future? Calling All Dreamers!!!

The Association has set exploration of storage and museum space as a high priority goal for the coming year. Any member interested in helping with this important project is urged to contact Kathy Svec at 232-4877 or Lois Vohs at 232-4294. The Association's most pressing need: centralized, secure,

temperature-regulated storage space for materials now stored in multiple locations, has been accommodated, pending final agreement of a few details. Once materials can be brought together and inventoried, exhibition and display needs can be approached. Come and help!

The Ames Heritage Association meets the third Monday of every month (September through June) at 7:00 p.m. at Willson-Beardshear School, 920 Carroll, Ames.

The annual membership meeting is held the third Monday of March. Time and place are announced in advance.

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